Form: PTO/SB/17 (Modified) 668-59190 Attorney Docket No. **Application Number** 10/030,417 */AMENDMENT February 23, 2005 Filing Date TRANSMITTAL First Named Inventor Muller **Group Art Unit** 1615 \$560 AMOUNT ENCLOSED **Examiner Name** Berko FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/97) **Highest Number** Number Claims Remaining **CLAIMS AS** After Amendment Previously Paid For Extra Rate Calculations **AMENDED** (3) **TOTAL CLAIMS** 44 42 2 Х \$50.00 = 100 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 2 3 0 Х \$200.00 = 0 _, petition is hereby made Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>11/24/2004</u> for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$400); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,510); 5 months (\$2,060)): 3 1020 months If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110) + Total of above Calculations = \$1120 -560 Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28) \$560 TOTAL FEES DUE = (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0". (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".
(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".
(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3". **METHOD OF PAYMENT** [X] Check enclosed as payment. Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No., below. **AUTHORIZATION** If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 necessary to maintain pendency

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In re PATENT Application of Muller, et. al.

Group Art Unit: 1615

U.S. Serial No.: 10/030,417

Examiner: Berko, Retford O.

Filed: January 10, 2002

For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLED PRODUCTION OF ULTRAFINE

MICROPARTICLES AND NANPARTICLES

February 23, 2005

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 2313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) Process for the gentle preparation of superfine microand nanoparticles having a particle size, as average diameter of the number distribution, of 5.6 µm or less, the method comprising:

subjecting a matrix material to a high-pressure homogenizing process in a piston-gap homogenizer in an anhydrous or water-reduced medium and/or at temperatures under 90°C, which leads to a gentle particle size reduction with minimization of the impairment of the chemical stability of the homogenized material, to form superfine micro- and nanoparticles.

 (Previously Presented) Process according to claim 1, wherein the homogenized matrix material comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of drugs, pharmaceutical active ingredients, veterinary drugs,